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Via Email Only: 66596-35783608@requests.muckrock.com

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Aaron Swartz
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Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Swartz:

The Kern County Sheriff's Office ("KCSO") is in receipt of your emailed request, under the California Public Records Act, for records related to **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**, as follows:

Request: Number, if any, of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's or drones) owned by this department or agency.

Response: The Kern County Sheriff's Office has five unmanned aerial vehicles.

Request: Number, if any, of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's or drones) available for use by this department or agency via collaborative agreements that were utilized within the period encompassing this request. Please provide the name of the department or agency that made the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle available to this department or agency for use.

Response: The Kern County Sheriff's office has no records responsive to this request.

Request: Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

Response: KCSO staff would have to conduct an extensive search of multiple records, primarily email records, that is not likely to produce any disclosable records or at a minimum only very few.

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Due to limited staffing and the number of the individual records, for the County to perform this exercise would place an undue burden on the County's resources that is not required by the CPRA. "Under applicable California law, even a focused, specific request, when it would require an agency to search volumes of documents or to produce a large volume of material may be objectionable as 'unduly burdensome.'" (*California First Amendment Coalition v. Superior Court* (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 159, 166; citing *American Civil Liberties Union Foundation v. Deukmejian* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 440.)

Therefore, we are denying this portion of your request pursuant to Government Code § 6254(k) and 6255.

We are able to provide you copies of invoices for the purchase of the unmanned vehicles and associated items. Those documents will be sent shortly under separate cover.

Request: Any existing or proposed usage policies regarding the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles technology including protocols, training documents, data storage procedures and prohibited activities.

Response: Kern County Sheriff's Office will also provide, under separate cover, a copy of its policy relating to unmanned aerial vehicles (drones).

Request: Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

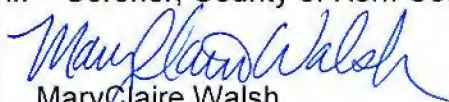
Response: The Kern County Sheriff's office has no records pertaining to this request. Furthermore, such items if in existence, would be exempt from disclosure under California Government Code § 6254(b).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 661-391-7518 or email: walshm@kernsheriff.org

Sincerely,

DONNY YOUNGBLOOD,
Sheriff – Coroner, County of Kern County

By:


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